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Radoboul (W19)

1. Allgemeine Blechindustrie (sic)
Chemische Fabrik von Heyden A.G.
Rapido Werke R. Lehmann & Co.

Three firms said to be making parts for JU-152 aircraft, assembly of which is made in Bernburg and Magdeburg.

Bitterfeld (E14)

2. I.G. Farben (Werk St4)
The former potash plant is making light weight metal aircraft parts, according to local businessmen.

Suhl (JO2)

3. Simson Werke (Gustloff Werke)
Alleged to be making machine guns.

☐ Comment: ☐ reported that this firm was to produce hunting weapons and bicycles exclusively for the Russians.

Erfurt (J36)

4. J.A. John A.G.

Produces mine detection devices, from raw material brought from Czechoslovakia and Poland, in addition to stoves, washing machines, and other household items. Of the latter, 25% is allocated for civilian use. Employees total 900.

☐ Comment: This appears to be the first indication that the firm has stepped out beyond the production of civilian goods, ☐ 25X1

Henry Pels Maschinenfabrik

This, like the John plant, has a Soviet guard force. There are 960 workers, producing shears and scissors (Schneidscheren), shell presses (Granatenpressen), and metal stamps for ammunition parts (Stanzen für Munitionsteile).

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Making armor plate for Königstiger tanks. Output goes by truck to the Gerhard & Hey transportation company in Leipzig, where it is stored until sent to Werdau (K24) and Glessnitz (K36). The plant employs 800 workers.

Comment: Earlier reports have emphasized the production of tank treads and chains by this plant. [redacted] gave the number of employees as varying between 1,000 and 2,000 persons.

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Producing armaments.

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An unspecified plant is said to be producing the German machine gun 42.

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Selve-Kronbiegel-Dornheim A.G. (Selkado)
Manufacturing shells.

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Aircraft factory believed to be making an Arado jet plane and some Heinkel models.

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Comment: Possibly the Junkers plant, although this has been reported dismantled.

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Aircraft factory believed in production.

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Feinmechanik & Elektrotechnik GmbH (sic)

Recently began production of small, specialized lathes to be used for the repair of aircraft instruments. This is a new model which still requires correction.

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Emero (sic)

Soviet specialists are said to be assembling guns in this previously dismantled factory.

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